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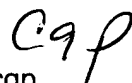
In the Examiner's Answer filed October 22, 2003, the claim number 63 was inadvertently omitted from the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Motter et al. (U.S. Patent 4,112,171) in view of Hirmer (U.S. Patent 5,525,401). The rejection of claim 63 has been maintained for the reasons set forth in the final rejection (Paper No. 18) and item 1 under the Grounds of Rejection set forth in the Examiner's Answer.


With this clarification, the Application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision of the Appeal Brief filed July 22, 2002 (Paper No. 21).

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